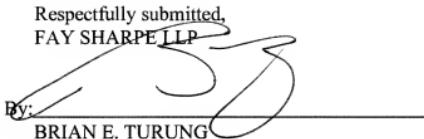


REMARKS

The Examiner requested that Applicant make several elections. Applicant elects the invention wherein the body member includes a bio-degradable material and the intermediate compound includes hydrophilic and hydrophobic compound. Applicant notes that the examiner required an election between hydrophilic and hydrophobic compound and ethylene acrylic acid copolymer; however, the originally filed Specification discloses that ethylene acrylic acid copolymer is one example of a hydrophilic and hydrophobic compound. Applicant submits that all of the pending claims fall within the scope of the elected claims.

Applicant submits that the claims pending in the above-identified patent application are all directed to the elected species and are in allowable form, and a notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

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